EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme "Informatics" to the professional field 4.6 Informatics and Computer Sciences from an area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at Russe University “Angel Kanchev”

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics on 18.04.2016 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 09.06.2016, inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 28.06.2016 to 30.06.2016.

At a meeting held on 19.09.2016, the Standing Committee adopted the report of the expert panel and on its basis prepared a decision on the results of the completed programme accreditation. The decision reflected assessments and observations about the consistency of the evidence provided with the criteria system for the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (academic activities, academic environment, scientific potential and research results, availability of material and information conditions for productive research and creative achievements in the doctoral programme and competitiveness of the doctoral programme) the Standing Committee applied the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal assessments on the criteria are "full compliance" and “substantial compliance” respectively and are in compliance and relevance with estimates under art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.

After summarizing the results from voting on the basis of the adopted by the Accreditation Council to NEAA "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics took the following DECISIONS on 03.10.2016:

1. Awards programme accreditation to doctoral programme “Informatics" to the professional field 4.6 Informatics and Computer Sciences from an area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at Russe University “Angel Kanchev” on the grounds of an overall assessment on the criteria of 9.43 (nine point forty-three hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years, according to art. 79 (4) of the Higher Education Act.

Chairperson of SCNSMI

Prof. Dr. Maria Shishinyova